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THE HEDGEHOG



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OF THE
RINGS**

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**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG**
WORLD HERO



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THE ECHIDNA**
HUNTING THE MASTER
EMERALD SHARDS



**BREEZIE
THE HEDGEHOG**
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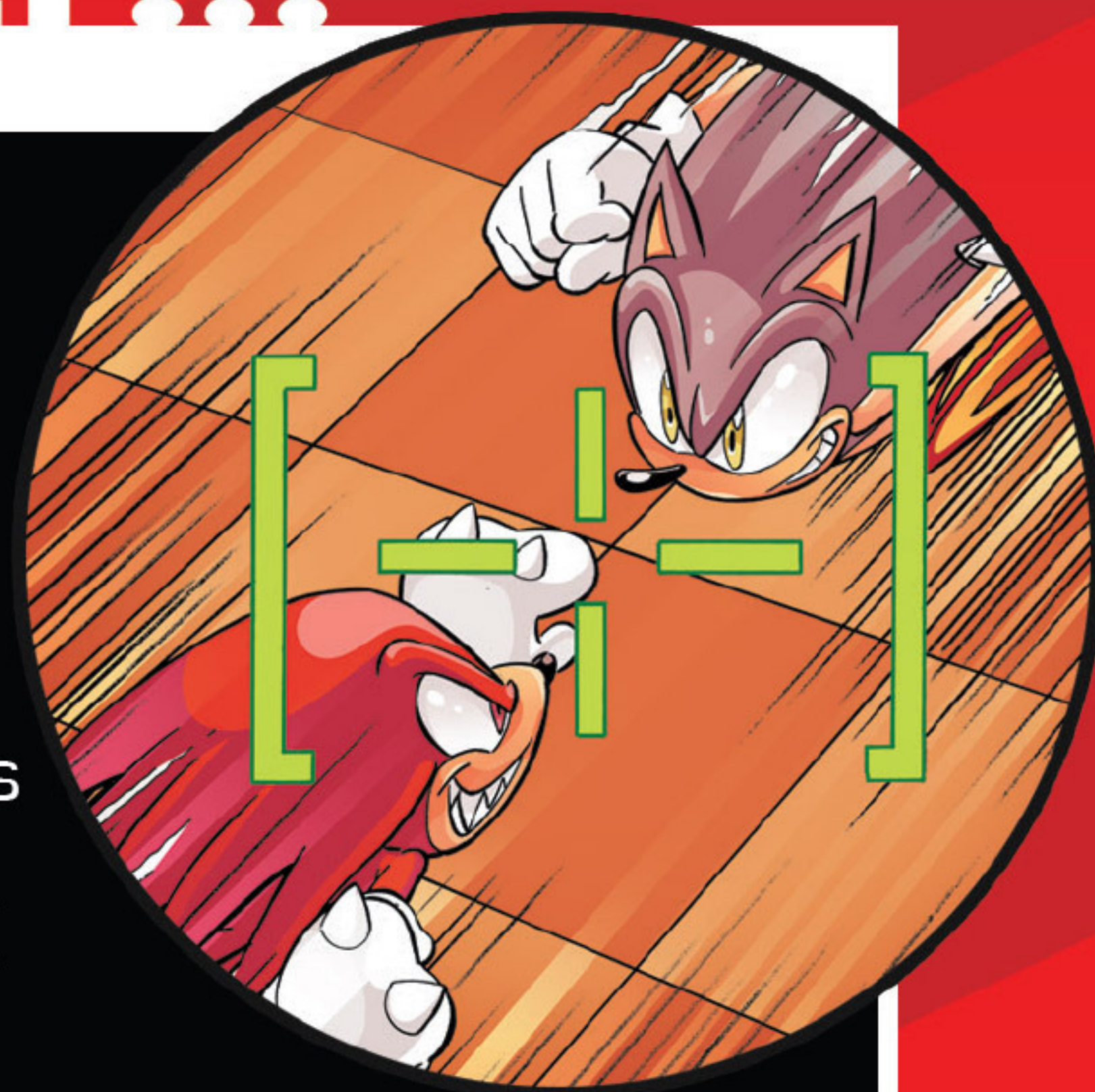
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PREVIOUSLY...

FINAL ROUND... FIGHT!

The Casino Park Battle Royal has reached its final round: Sonic versus Knuckles! The prize: a Chaos Emerald, a key part of the Freedom Fighters' plan to save the Shattered World!

But Dr. Eggman is furious that his minions were eliminated. In fact, he's mad enough to start breaking a few rules --
and a few skulls...



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CASINO PARK AREA--
THE FINAL ROUND!

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FASTEST
THING
ALIVE

KNUCKLES
THE BEST
BRAWLER

CHAMPIONS

FINALE: THE ONE LEFT STANDING

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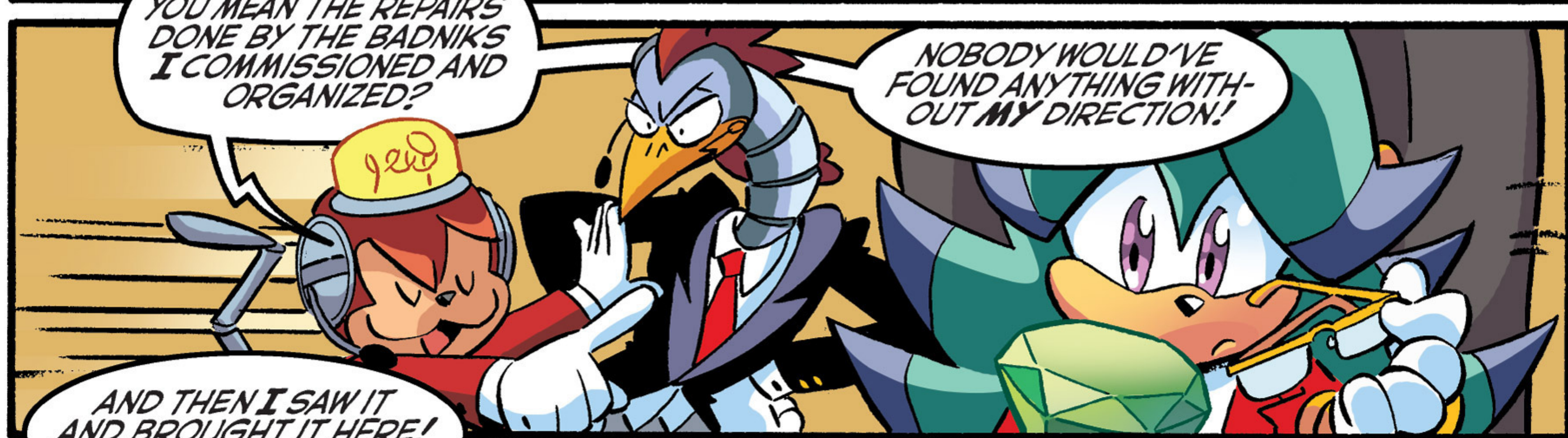
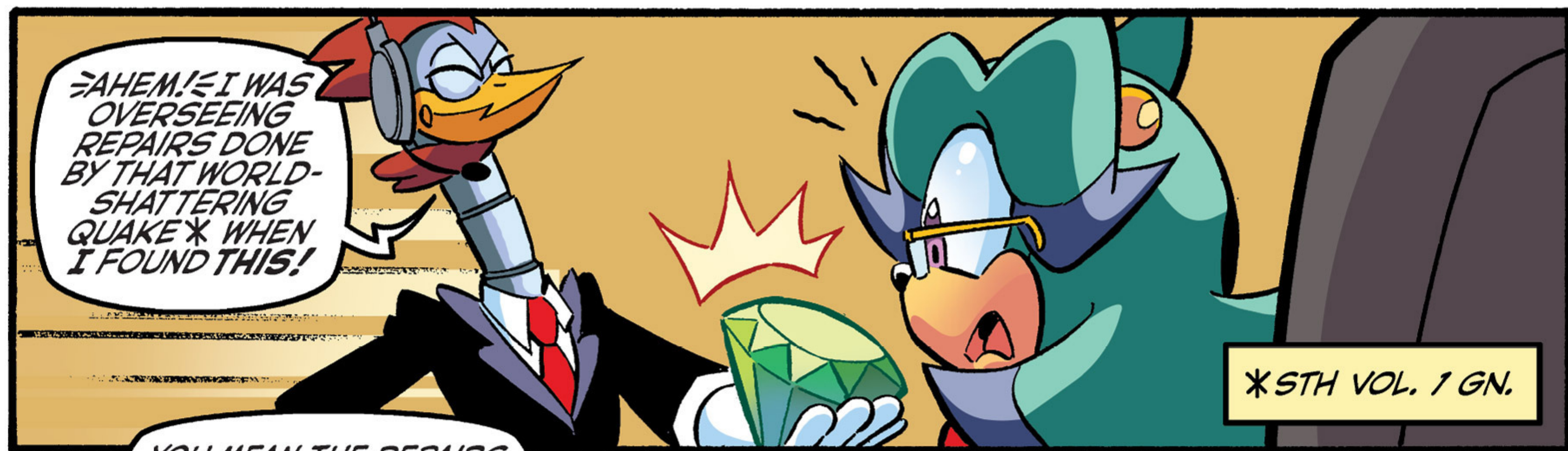
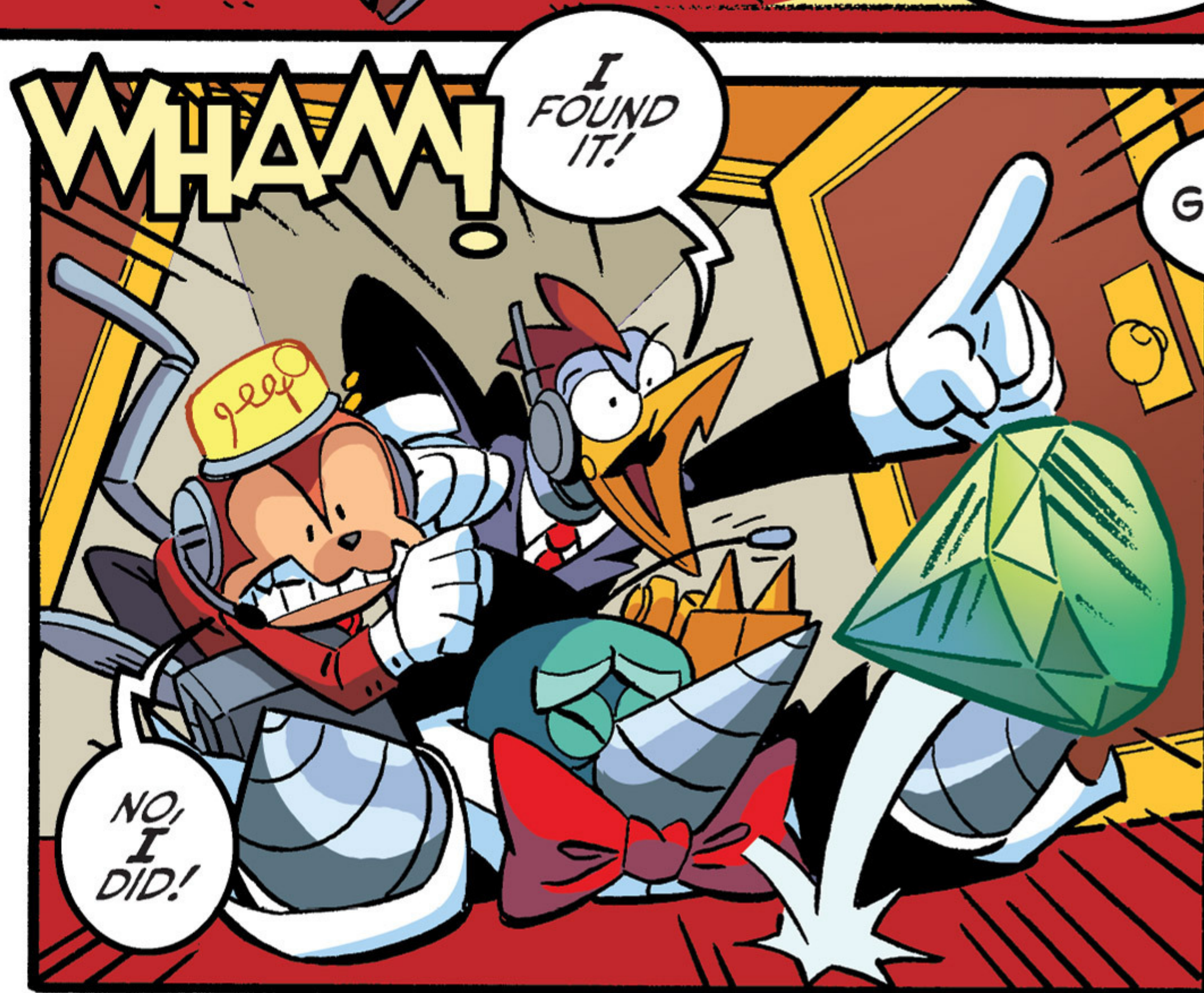
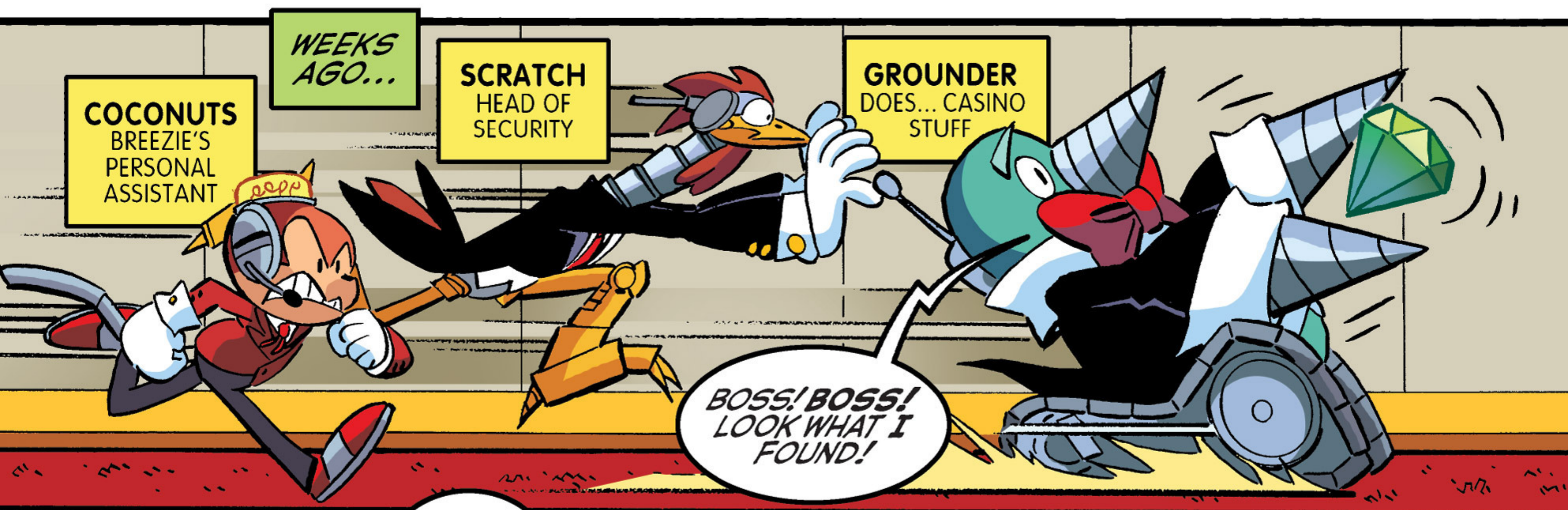
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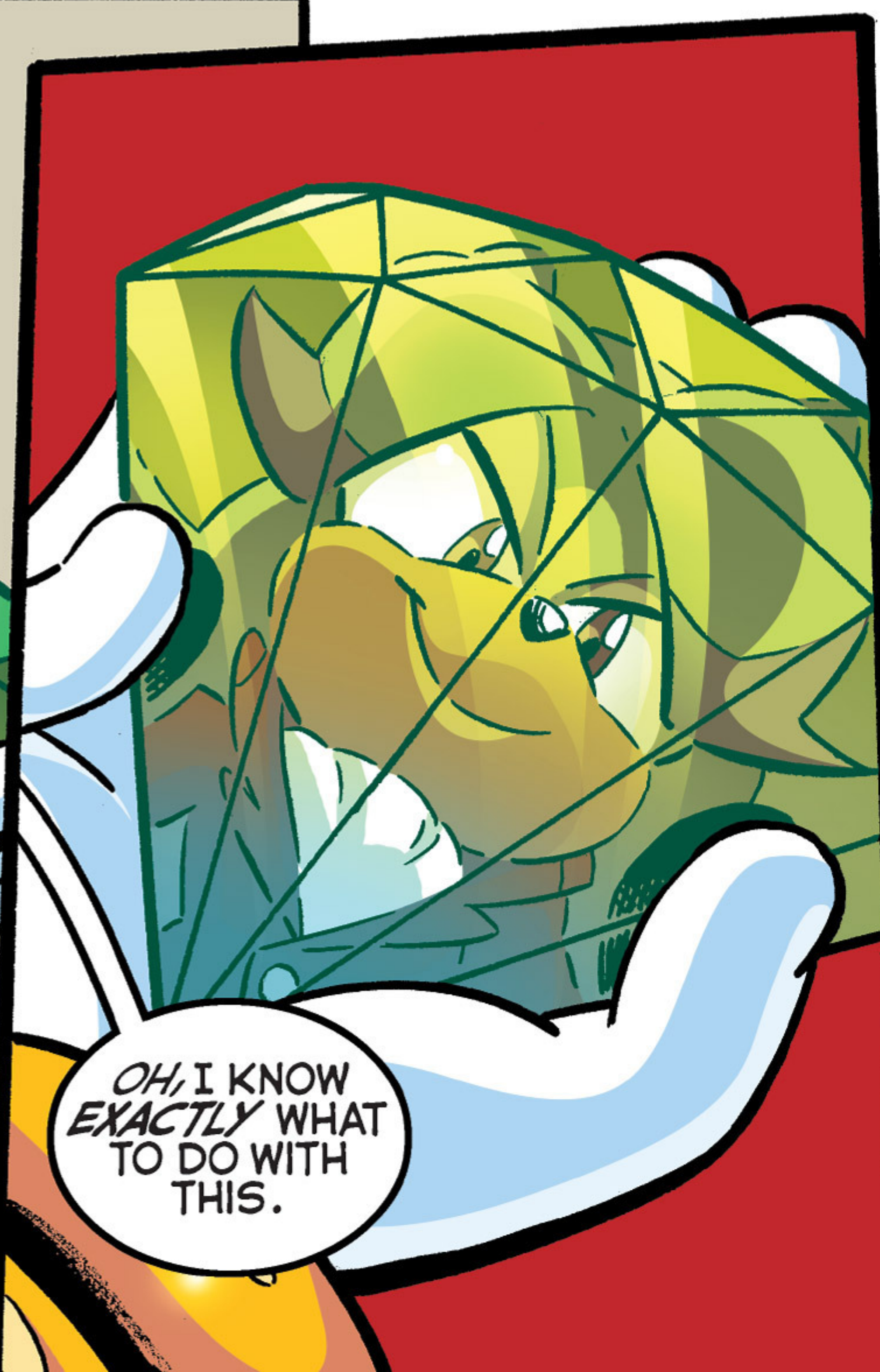
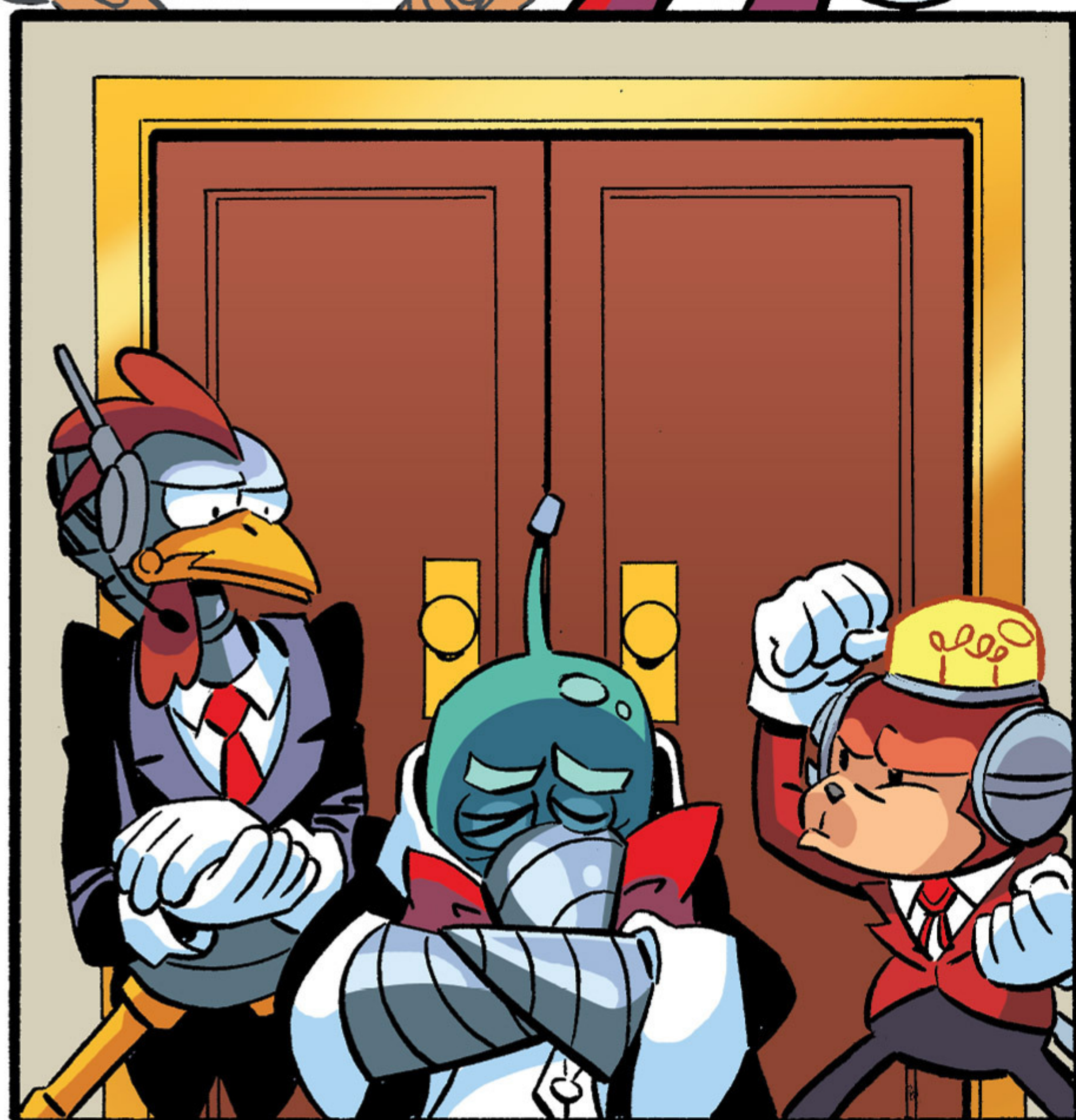
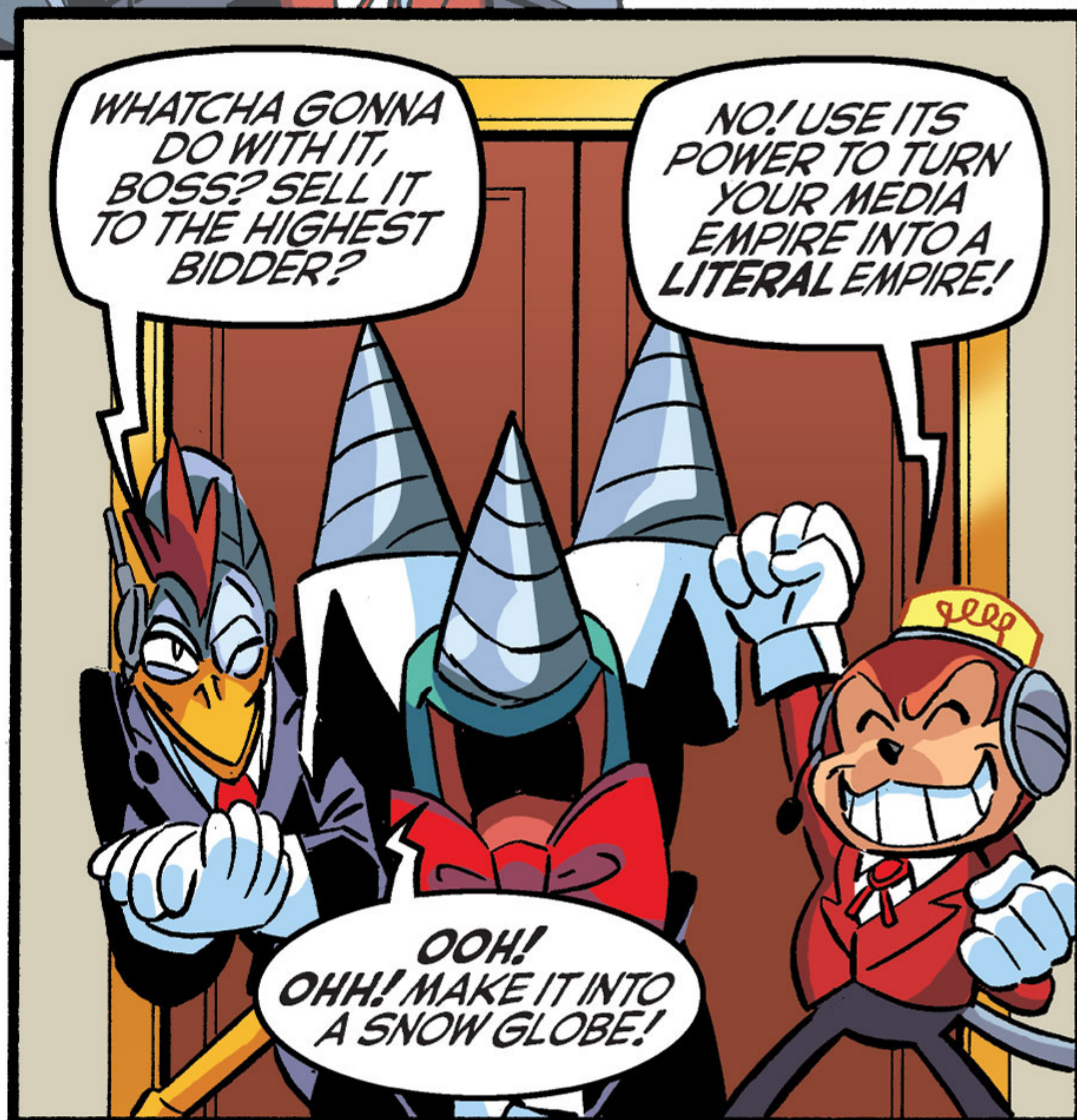
HA! YEAH!
KICKING YOUR
BUTT FOR CHAOS
EMERALDS NEVER
GETS OLD!

YOU MEAN *TRYING*
TO KICK MY BUTT.
JUST LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO WIN THIS
CHAMPIONSHIP!

YEAH, GIMME ANOTHER MINUTE.
Y'KNOW, THINKING ABOUT THIS
WHOLE TOURNEY, I NEVER STOPPED
TO CONSIDER *HOW* BREEZIE GOT
THAT EMERALD FOR THE PRIZE...

HEY!
WE'RE FIGHTIN'
HERE! TAKE THIS
SERIOUSLY!





NOW...

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE, MAN? IT FINALLY GET TOO PEACEFUL ON YOUR LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN?

I'M HUNTING DOWN THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD! THE ENERGY OF THE PRIZE EMERALD DREW ME HERE. WHILE I FOUND ONE--

WAIT--AGAIN? WHAT HAPPENED?

SHADOW WAS HUNTING DOWN SOME ALIEN... ARGH!... I'LL TELL YOU LATER!*

WHAM!

*KNUCKLES HAD TO SHATTER THE MASTER EMERALD--"TOTAL ECLIPSE" SU#67-70.

SO ANGEL ISLAND IS...?

FLOATING, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE WRECKED PLANET.

SO IF WE FIX THE WORLD, YOUR ISLAND FALLS. DUDE, DO YOU WANT ME TO THROW THE FIGHT SO YOU CAN HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO SEARCHING?

DON'T YOU *DARE!* WE'LL WORRY ABOUT PLANS AND EMERALDS AND EVERYTHING LATER.

BUT RIGHT *NOW*, YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME A DECENT FIGHT!

NEED TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM, HUH? SOUNDS GOOD!

LET'S RUMBLE!

VREEEE!



MEAN-
WHILE,
AT THE
CASINO'S
POWER
GRID...

I'M
ALMOST DONE.
WE STILL
CLEAR?

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POW!

HEH HEH--NACK PUTS THE *SILENT* GUY ON WATCH DUTY, AND *I'M* THE CRAZY ONE?

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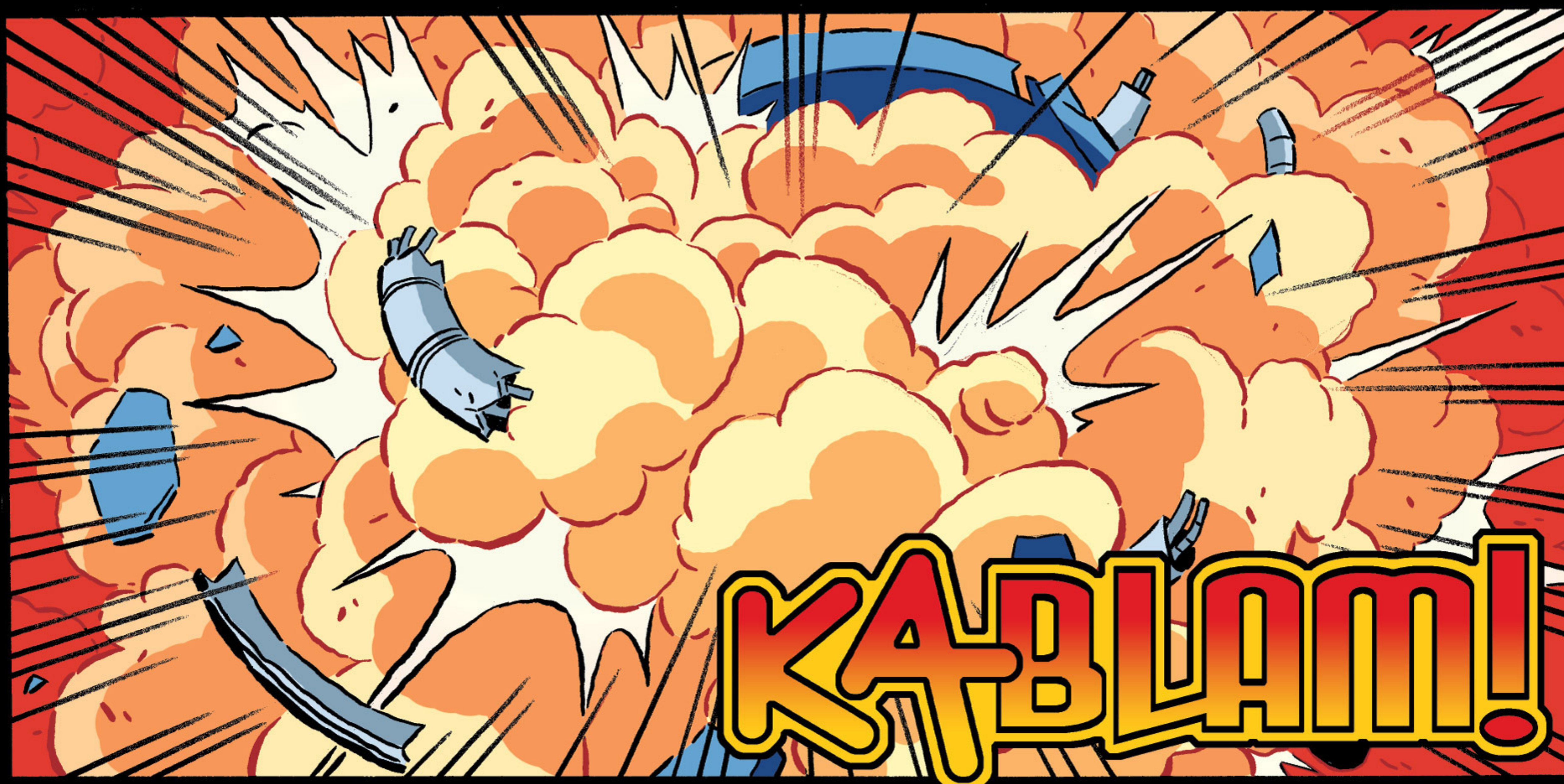
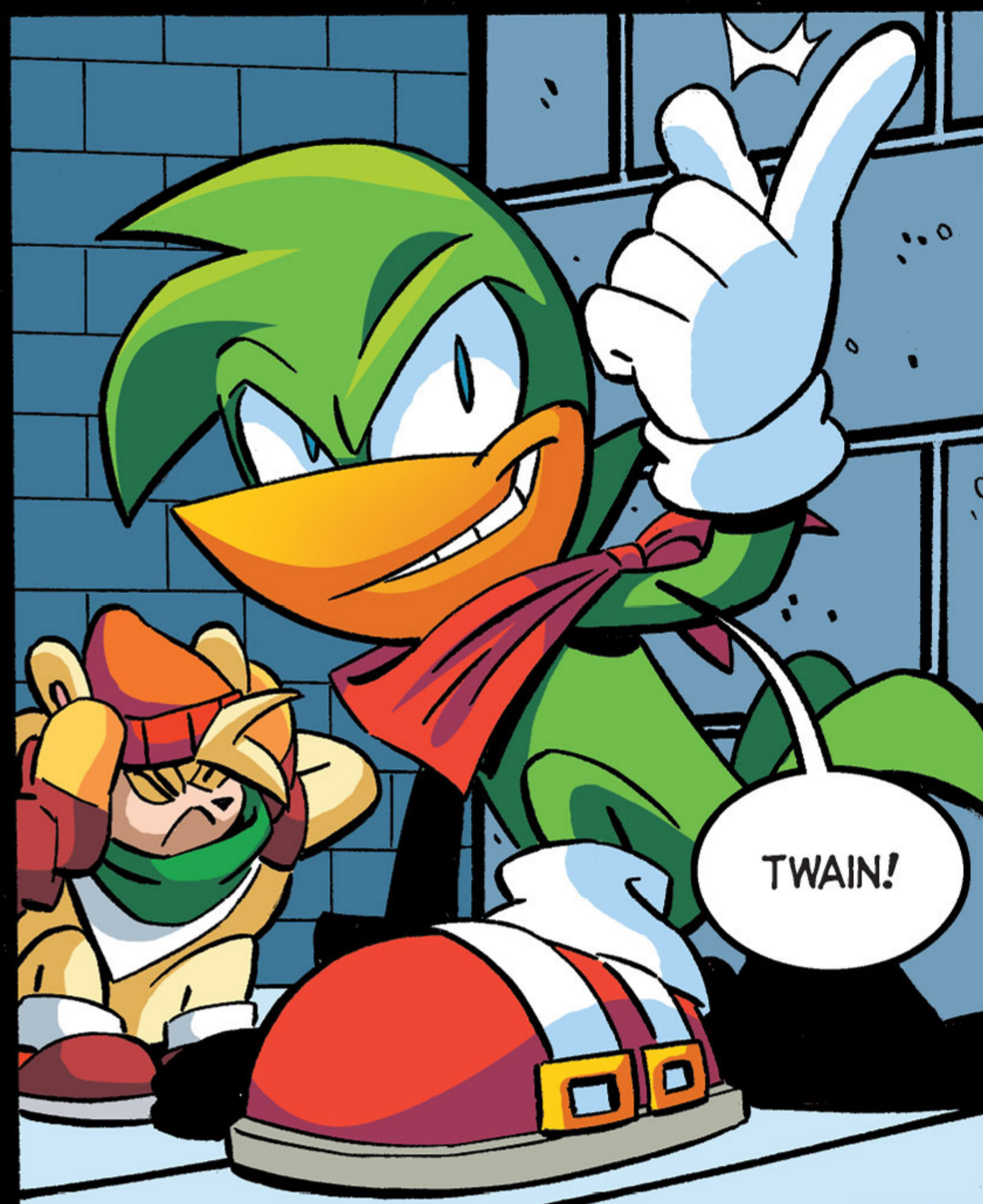
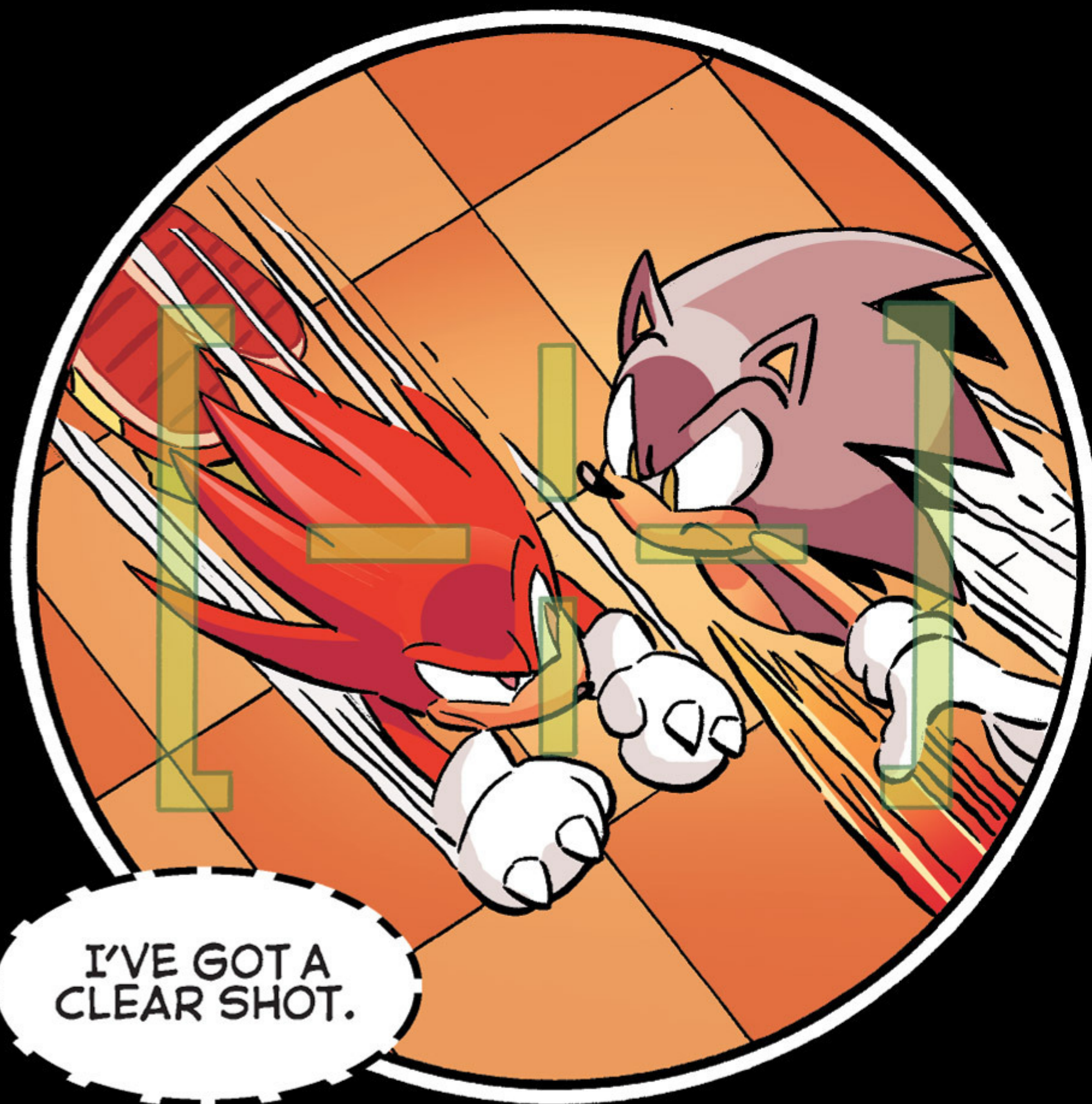
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SPLYRCH

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SPLYRCH

A comic book panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog in a dark, industrial setting filled with bombs. Sonic, a green hedgehog with a yellow star on his forehead, is in the foreground, looking determined and shouting "ALL SET!". He is surrounded by numerous black bombs with lit fuses and pink smoke. In the background, a large blue circular hatch is visible, also surrounded by bombs and smoke. The scene is chaotic and action-packed.

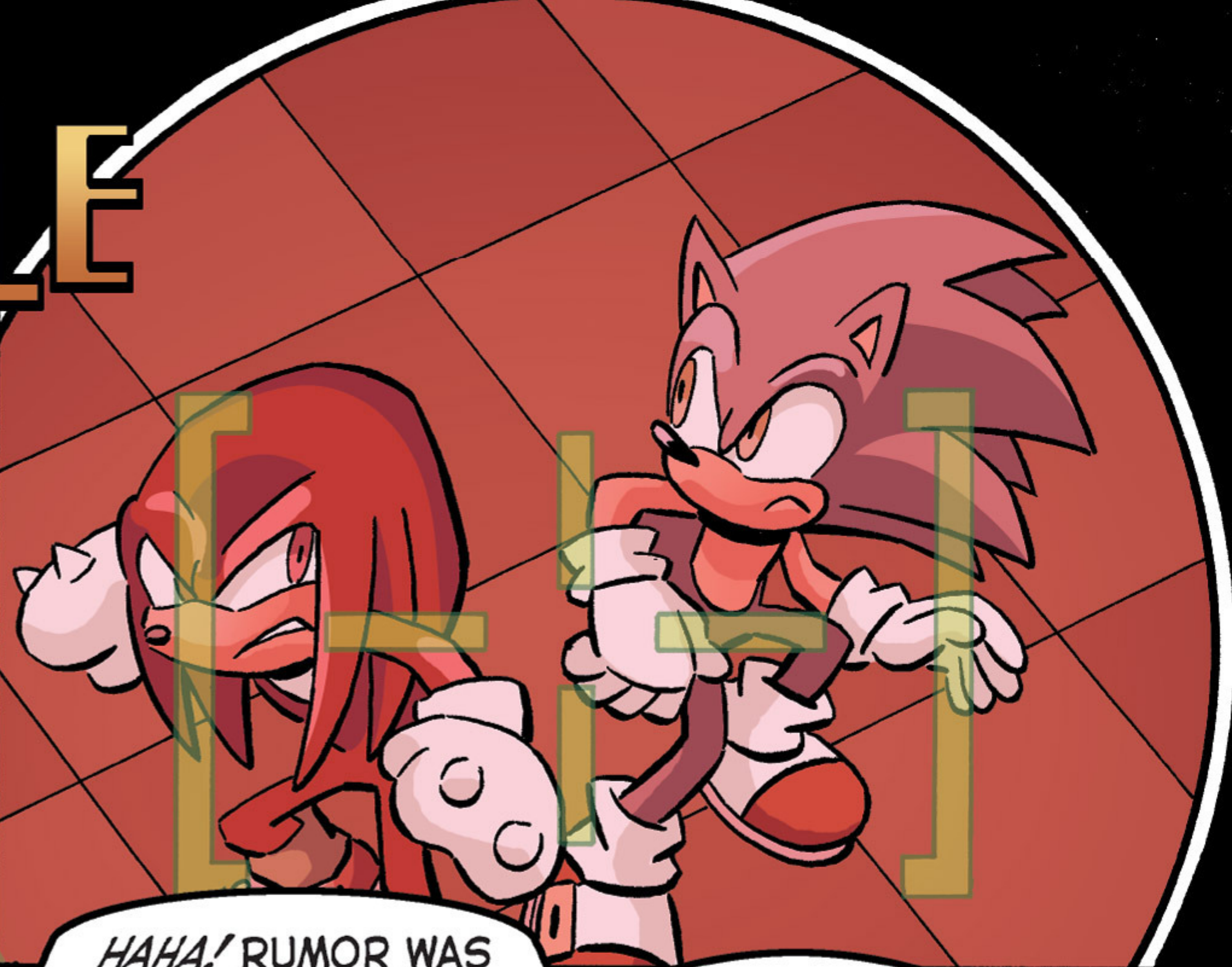


RRRRUMBLE

EEEEK!

UH...IS
THIS PART OF
THE SHOW?

I DON'T THINK
SO, CHUCKLES.



HAHA! RUMOR WAS
YOU WERE TRANS-
FORMING AT NIGHT,
SONIC. I DIDN'T KNOW
IT WAS INTO AN
UNMOVING TARGET!

ONE CENTIMETER
MORE, AND I'LL GET
'EM BOTH WITH **ONE**
SHOT!

CRASH!

NYAH!!

METAL SONIC
EVIL ROBOT
DOUBLE

WHOOSH!

CLUD!

⊕ ANALYZING DEFENSES... ⊕

⊕ MAG-LOCK GATES OFF-LINE. LASER GRID OFFLINE. ⊕

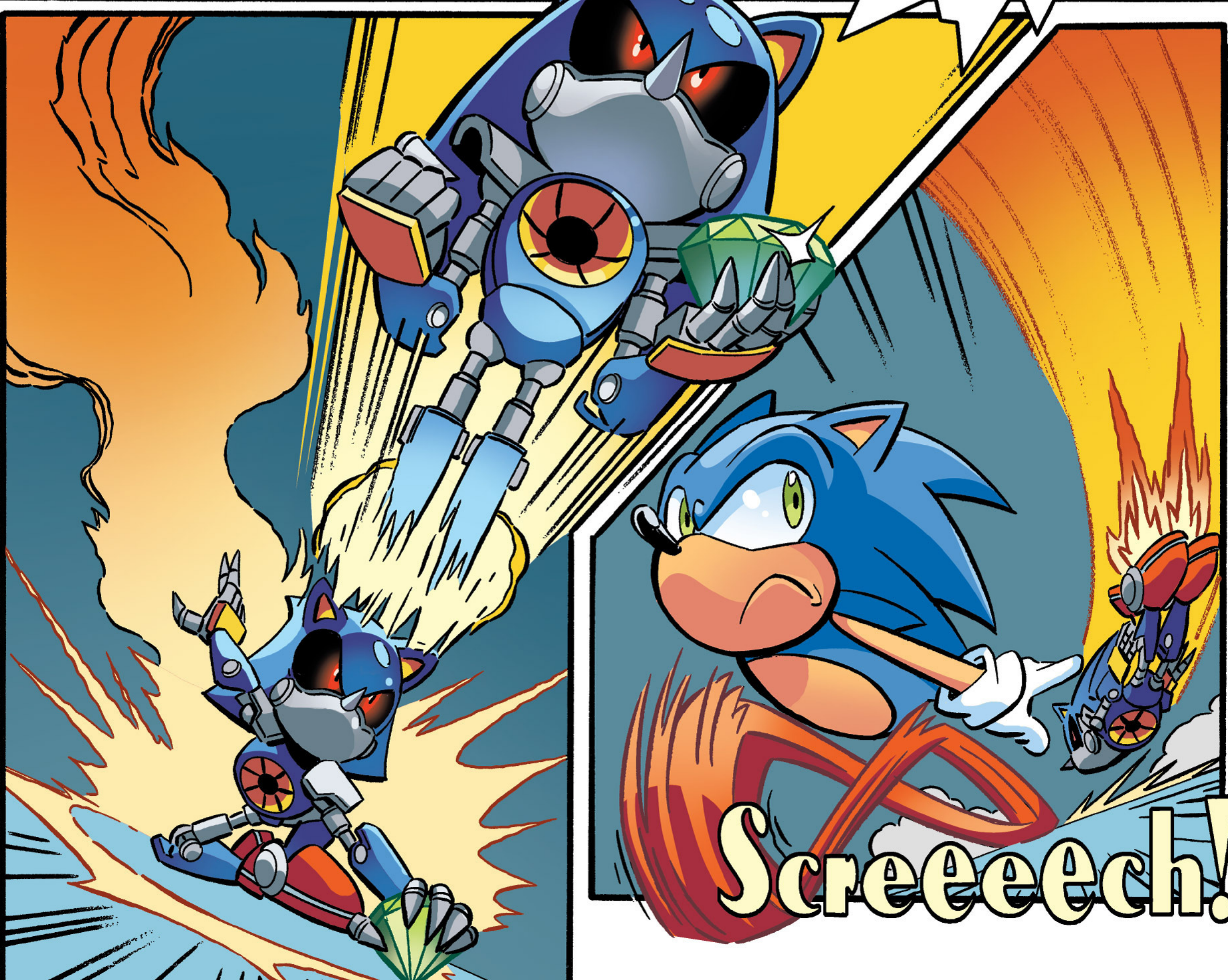
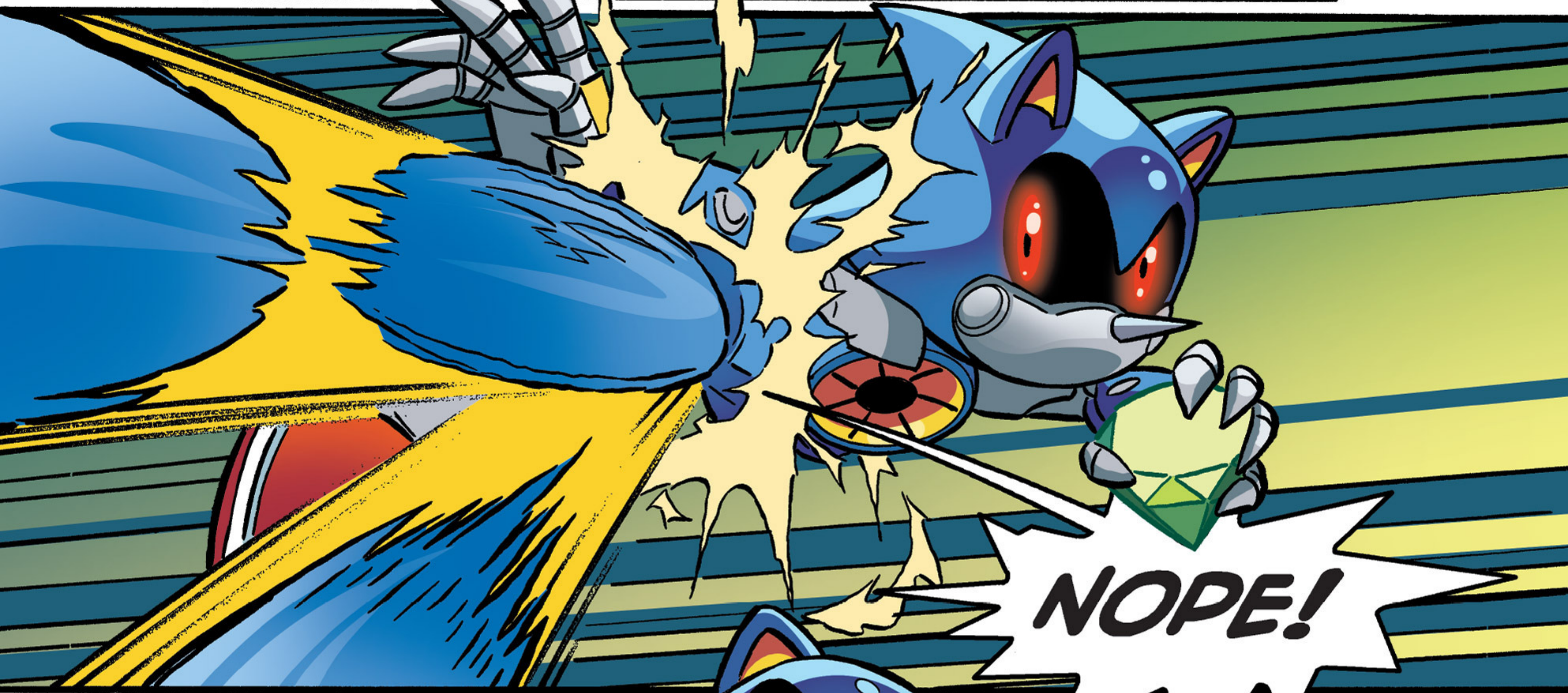
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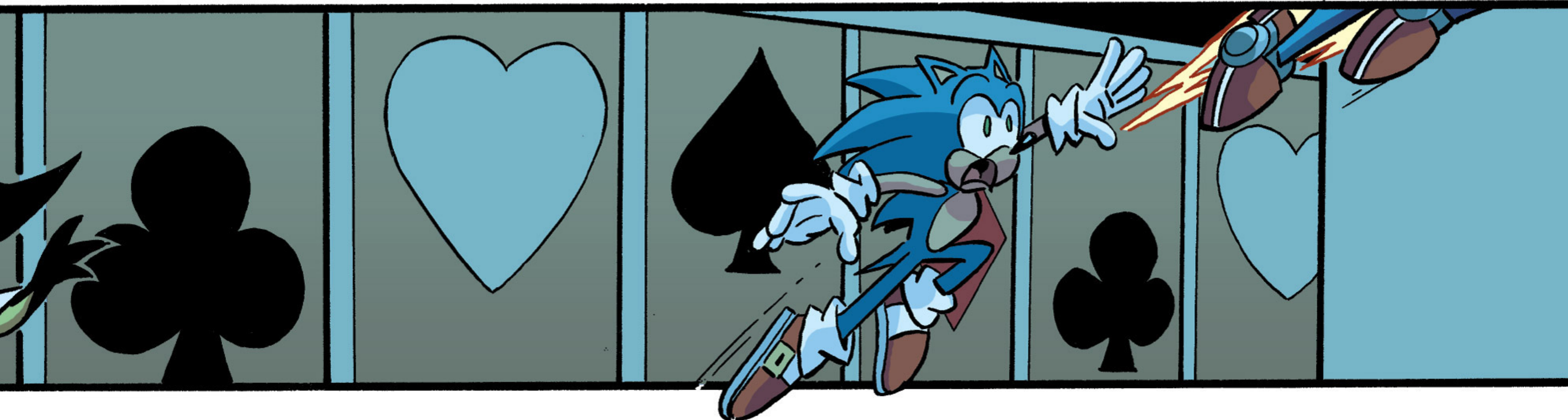
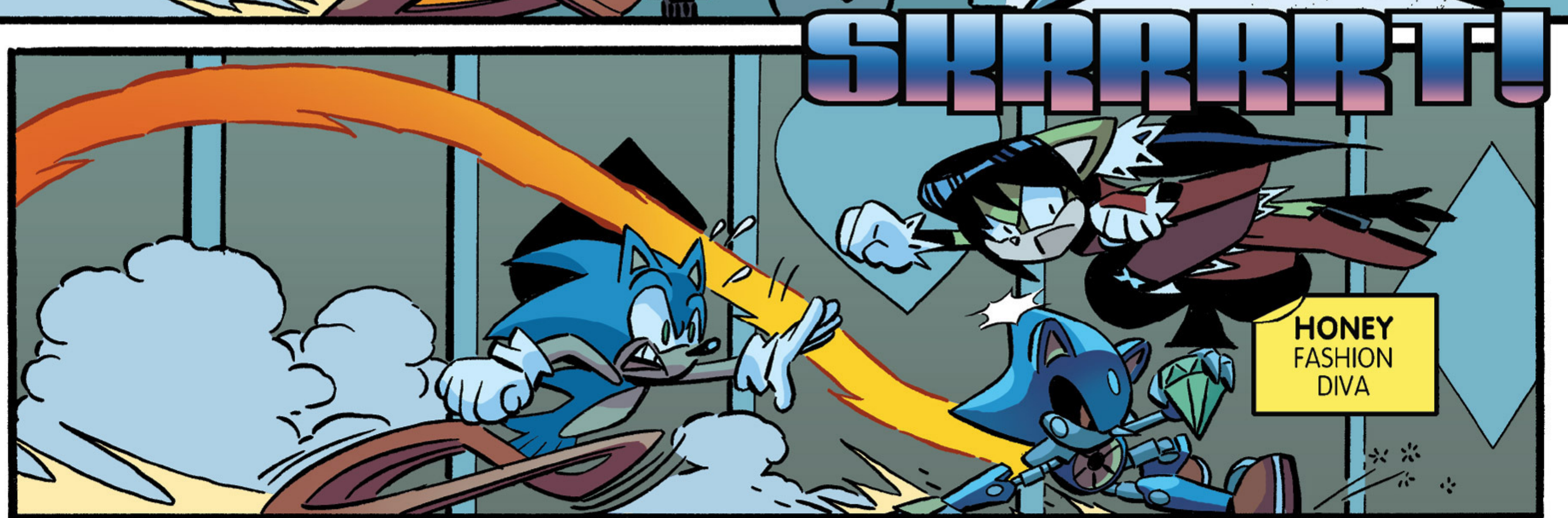
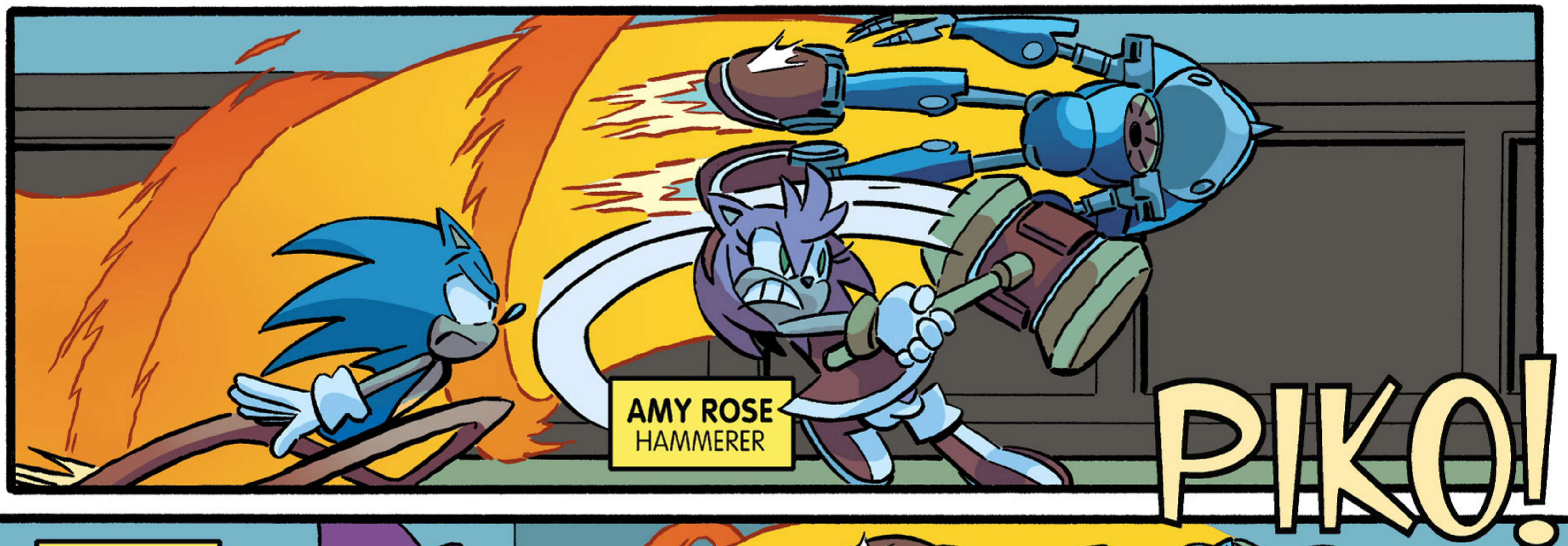
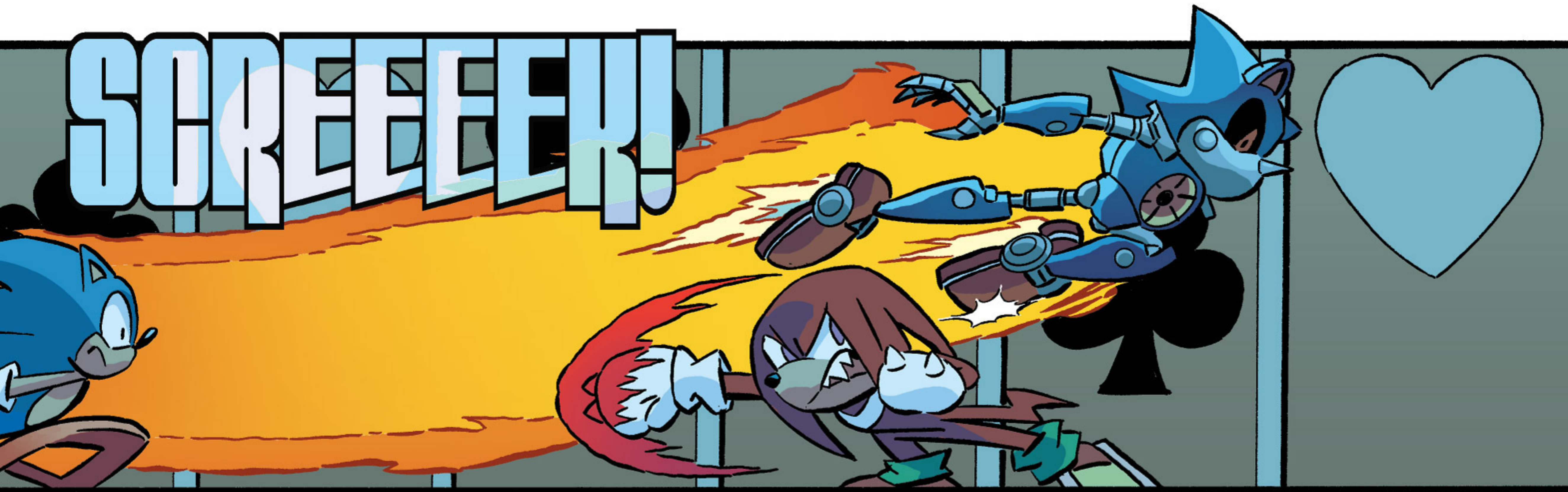
⊕ VAULT DOOR IS... OPEN? ⊕

CREEEEEEAK!

SLAM!

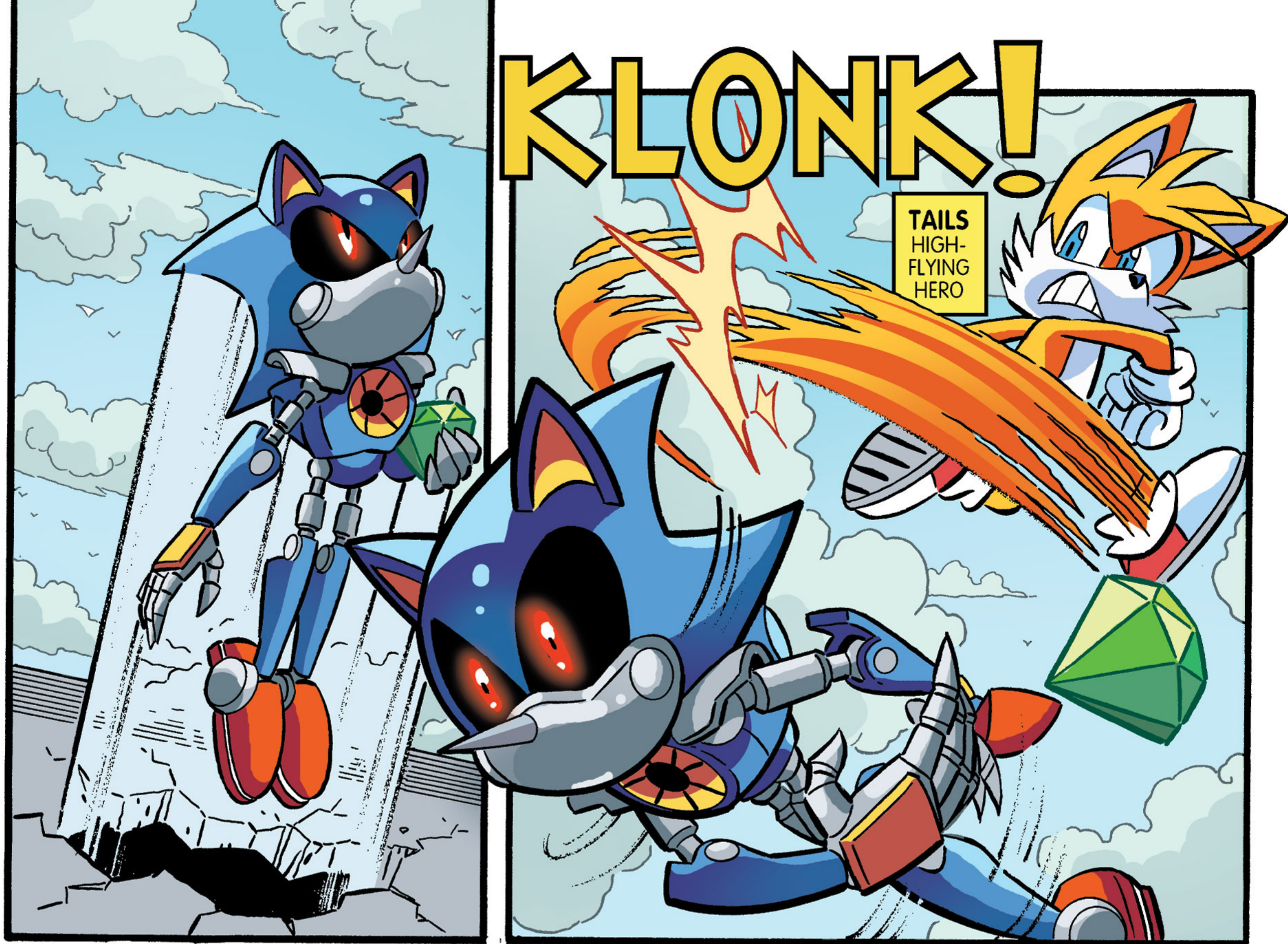
CRASH!



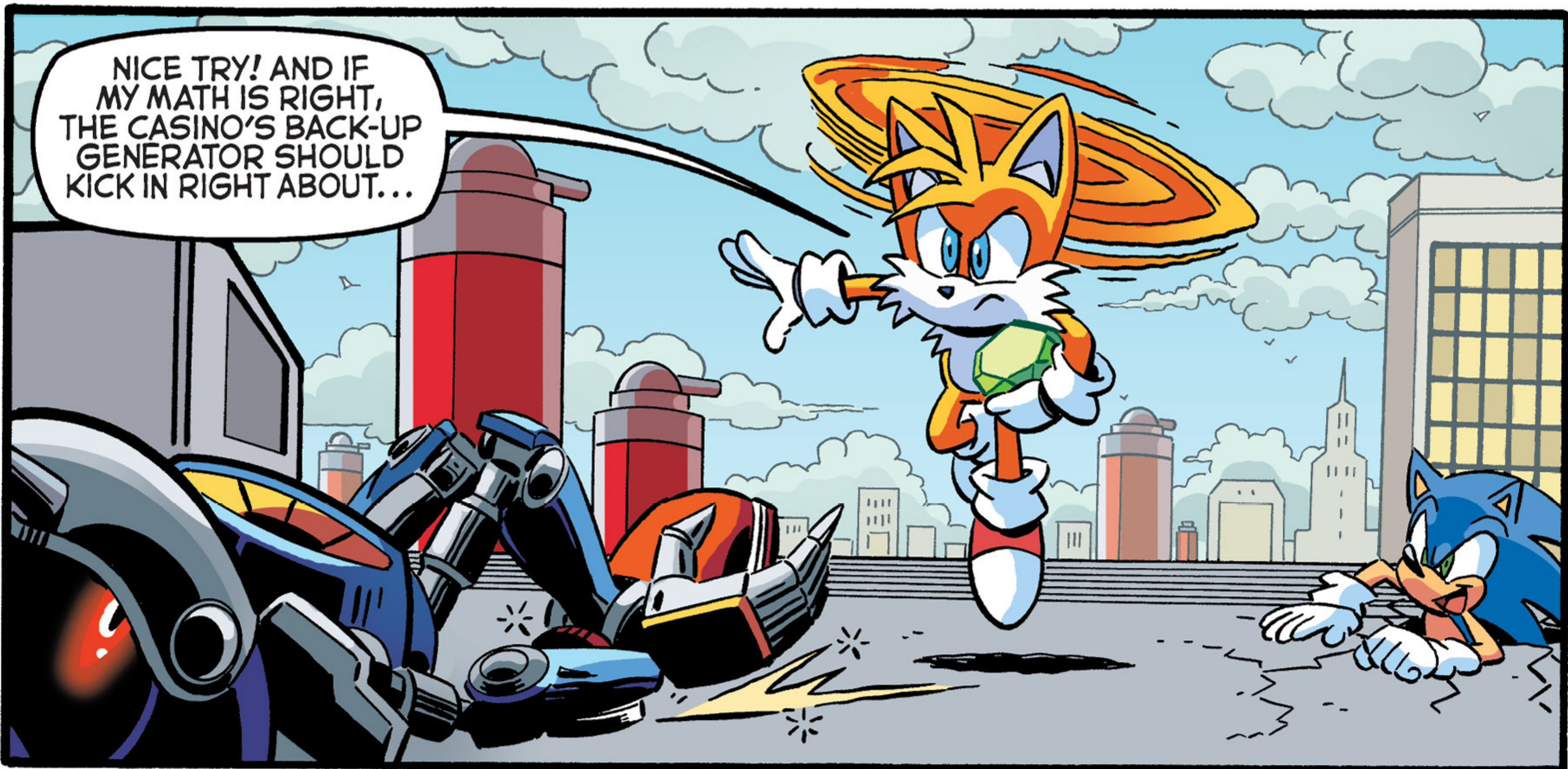


KLONK!

TAILS
HIGH-
FLYING
HERO



NICE TRY! AND IF
MY MATH IS RIGHT,
THE CASINO'S BACK-UP
GENERATOR SHOULD
KICK IN RIGHT ABOUT...

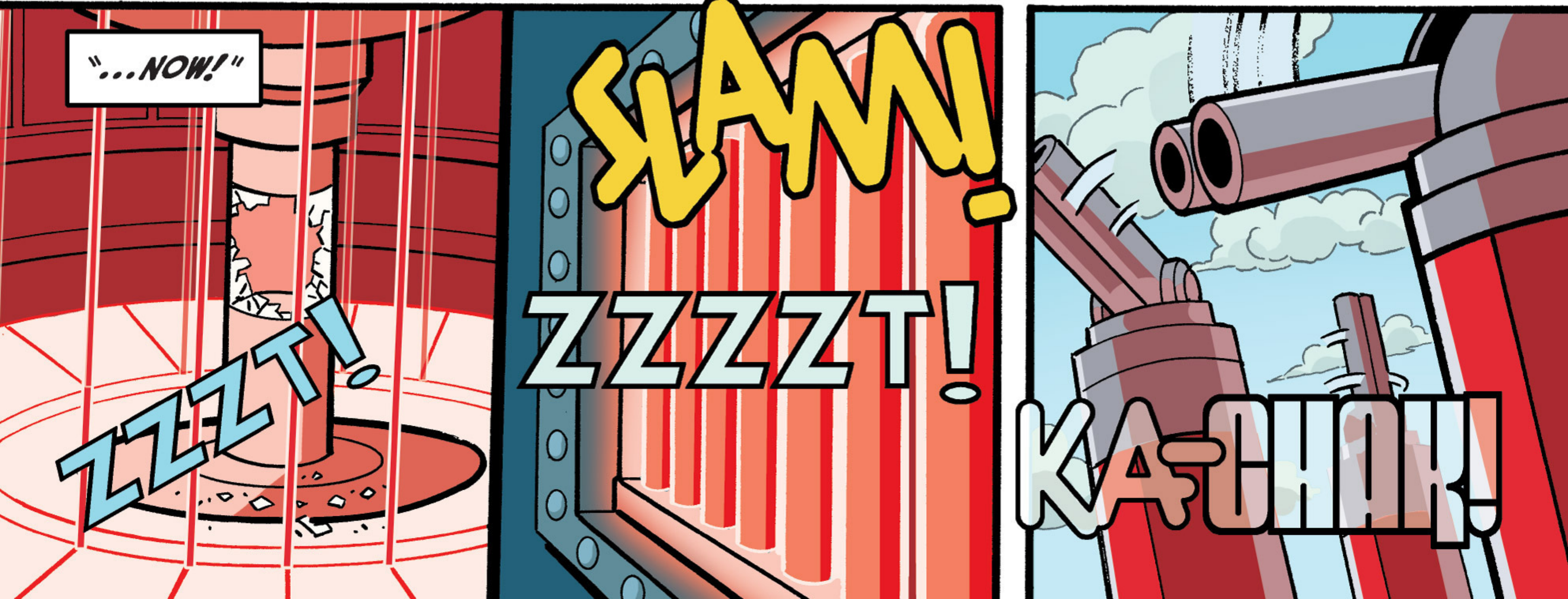


"...NOW!"

ZZZZT!

SWAN! ZZZZT!

KA-CHAK!





SO...ARE WE GONNA DO THIS? I MEAN, FIGHT ON THE ROOFTOP WHERE YOU TAKE ON US...

...AND FOUR OTHER PROFESSIONAL BUTT-KICKERS...



...WHILE *ALSO* FIGHTING ALL OF BREEZIE'S SECURITY FORCES?



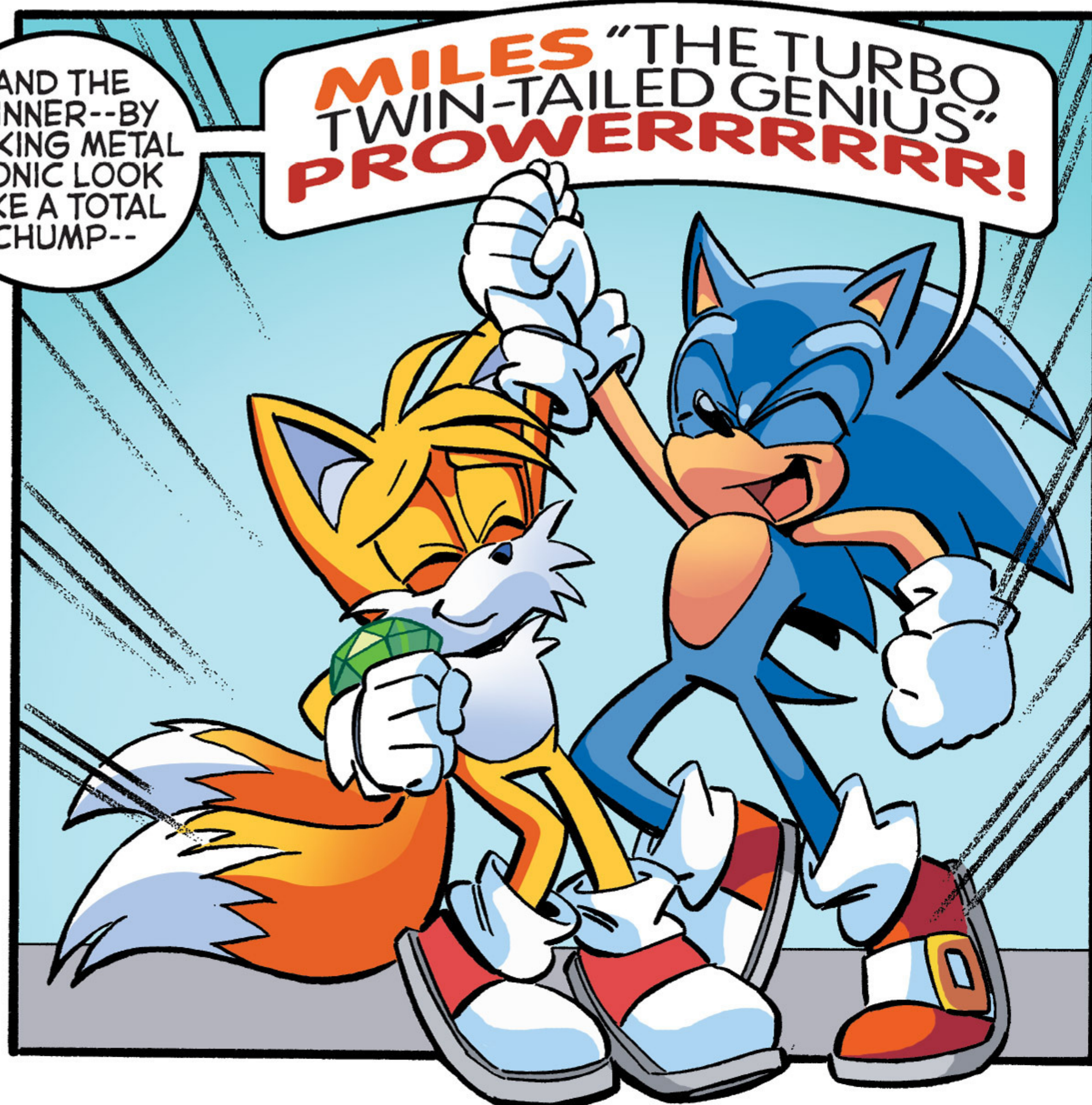
BAH! THIS ENTIRE SITUATION HAS BEEN A DISASTER! GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG FOR REPAIRS! I'VE GOT A LEAD ON ANOTHER EMERALD!

DID YOU HEAR ME? I SAID, FALL BACK!



AND THE WINNER--BY MAKING METAL SONIC LOOK LIKE A TOTAL CHUMP--

MILES "THE TURBO TWIN-TAILED GENIUS" PROWERRRRRR!



AND SO...

...AAAAAND **THERE!** YOUR WAIT STAFF WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY OUTFITTED BY HONEY BRAND CLOTHING!

HOW EXCITING! I'VE NEVER DESIGNED CLOTHES FOR ROBOTS BEFORE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, HONEY. YOU REALLY IMPRESSED ME DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

IS THAT A FACT?

OH, YES. PUTTING YOUR REPUTATION-- AND NECK--ON THE LINE? GIVING IT YOUR ALL TO GET WHAT YOU WANT? I RELISH A PARTNER WITH THAT KIND OF INITIATIVE.

WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE SO CLOSE, CAN I SAY SOMETHING?

OFF THE RECORD.

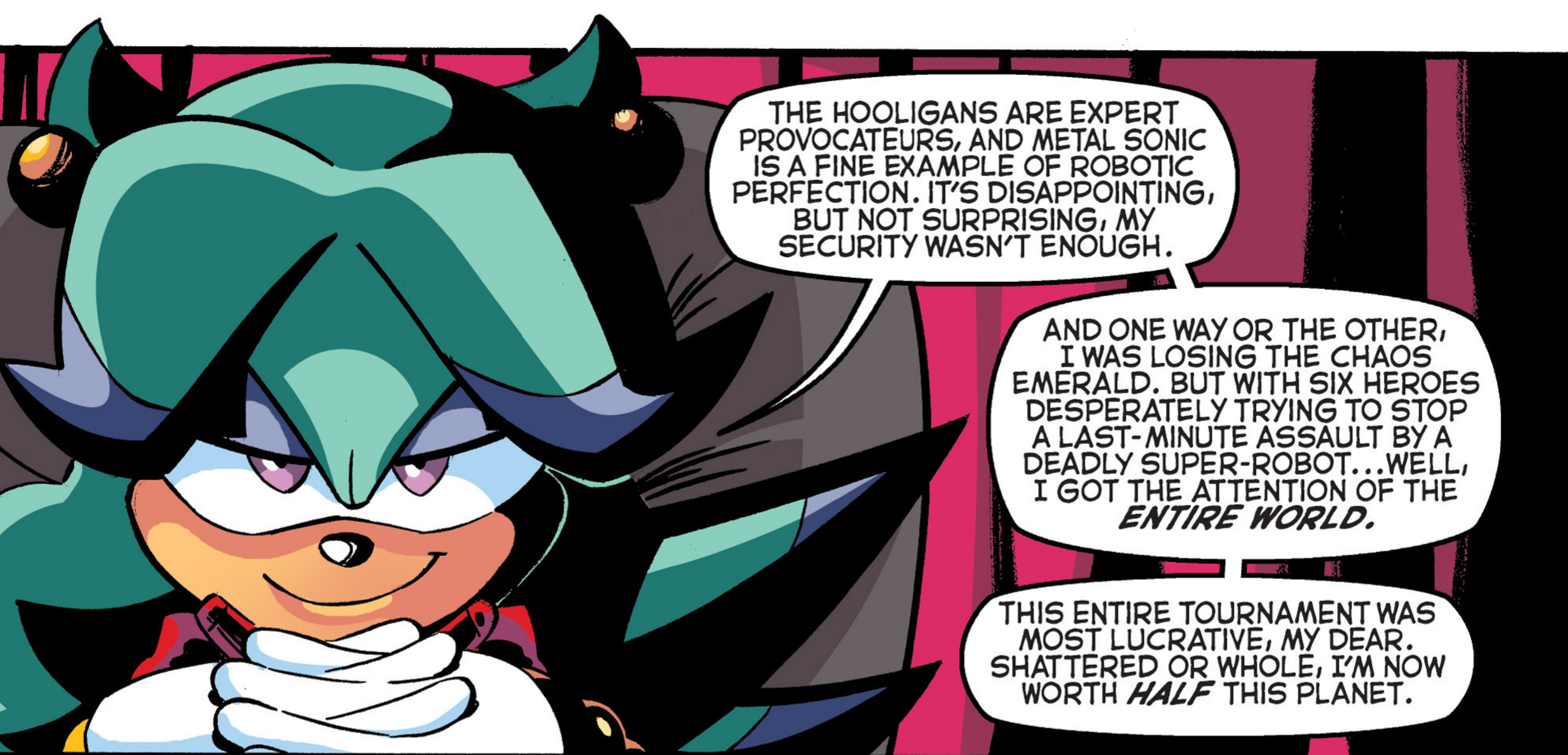
BUSINESS-WOMAN TO BUSINESS-WOMAN.

YES?

IT'S NO SECRET DOCTOR EGGMAN WANTED THAT CHAOS EMERALD. SUDDENLY, THREE "RANDOM" MERCS WITH EGGMAN CONNECTIONS GET ADDED TO THE BRACKET OVERNIGHT.

THEN, WHEN THEY GET BUMPED, METAL SONIC SHOWS UP. NONE OF YOUR OUTSIDE SECURITY STOPS HIM. NONE OF YOUR INSIDE SECURITY IS AROUND. THE HOOLIGANS BLEW THE POWER AND GOT AWAY SCOT-FREE, AND NOT *ONE* OF YOUR BADNIKS TOOK A SHOT AT METAL SONIC AS HE ESCAPED.

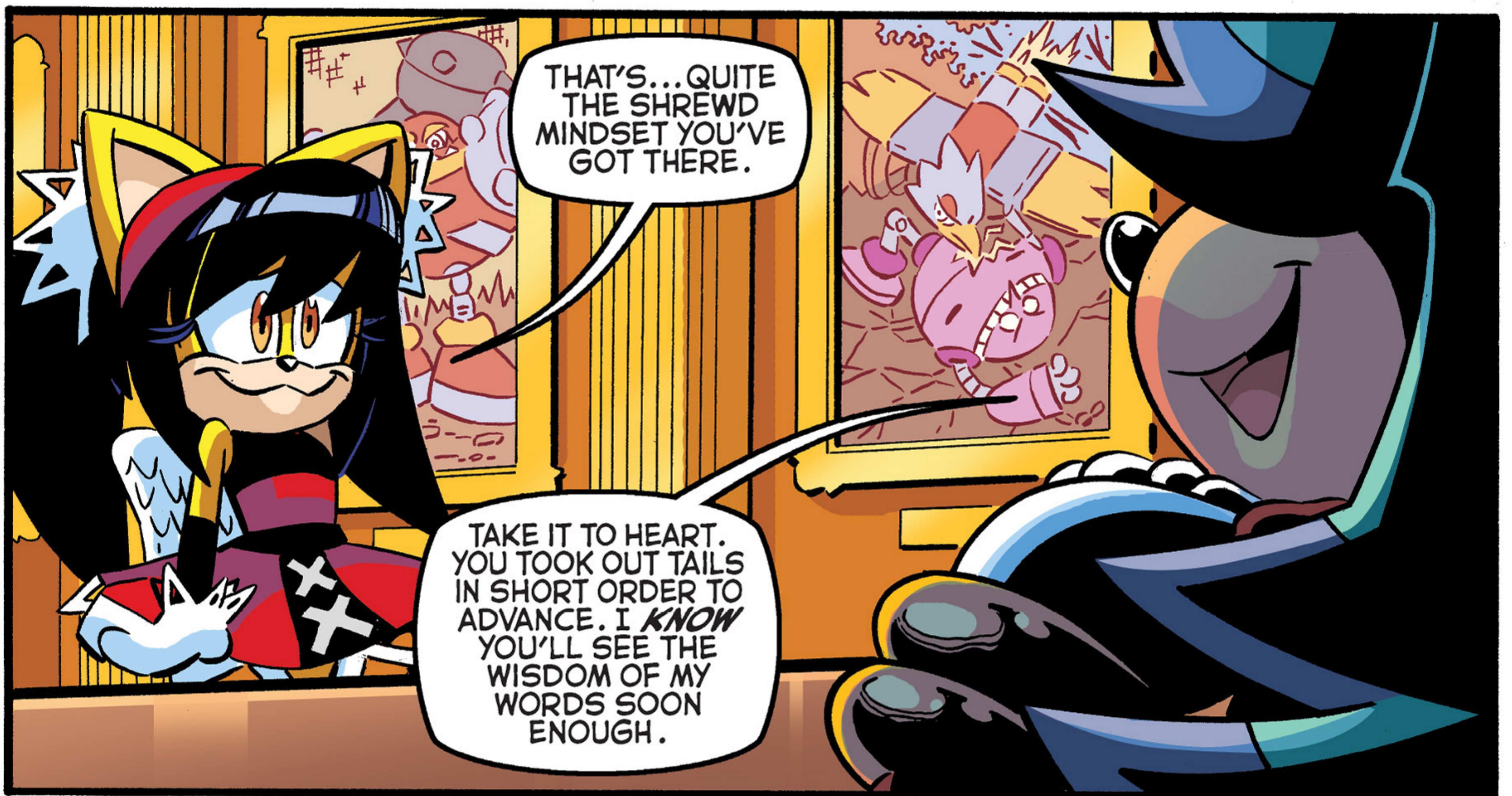
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS *CAME REAL CLOSE* TO LOSING WHAT THEY NEED TO *SAVE THE WORLD*.



THE HOOLIGANS ARE EXPERT PROVOCATEURS, AND METAL SONIC IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF ROBOTIC PERFECTION. IT'S DISAPPOINTING, BUT NOT SURPRISING, MY SECURITY WASN'T ENOUGH.

AND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, I WAS LOSING THE CHAOS EMERALD. BUT WITH SIX HEROES DESPERATELY TRYING TO STOP A LAST-MINUTE ASSAULT BY A DEADLY SUPER-ROBOT...WELL, I GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE *ENTIRE WORLD*.

THIS ENTIRE TOURNAMENT WAS MOST LUCRATIVE, MY DEAR. SHATTERED OR WHOLE, I'M NOW WORTH *HALF* THIS PLANET.



THAT'S... QUITE THE SHREWD MINDSET YOU'VE GOT THERE.

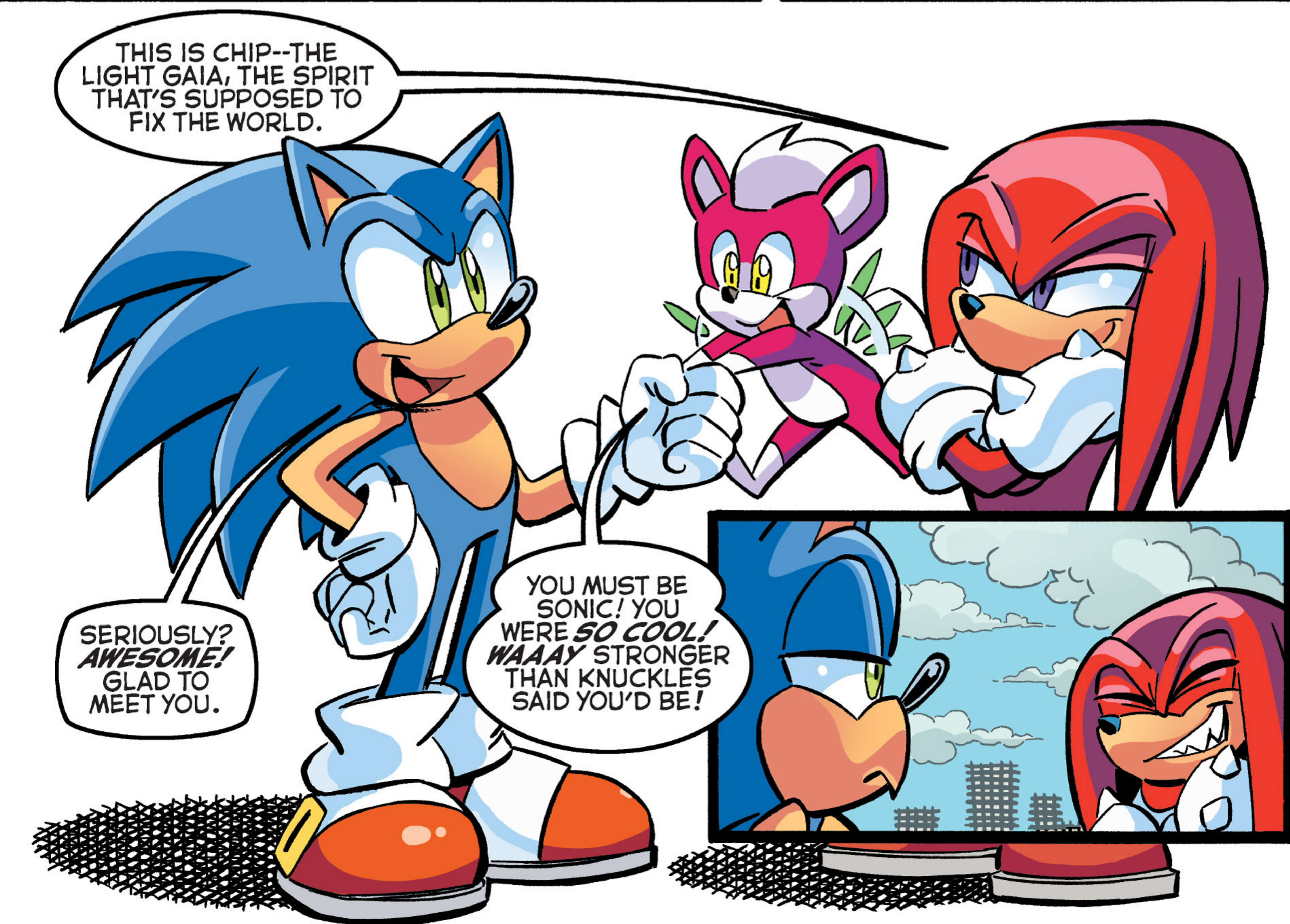
TAKE IT TO HEART. YOU TOOK OUT TAILS IN SHORT ORDER TO ADVANCE. I *KNOW* YOU'LL SEE THE WISDOM OF MY WORDS SOON ENOUGH.

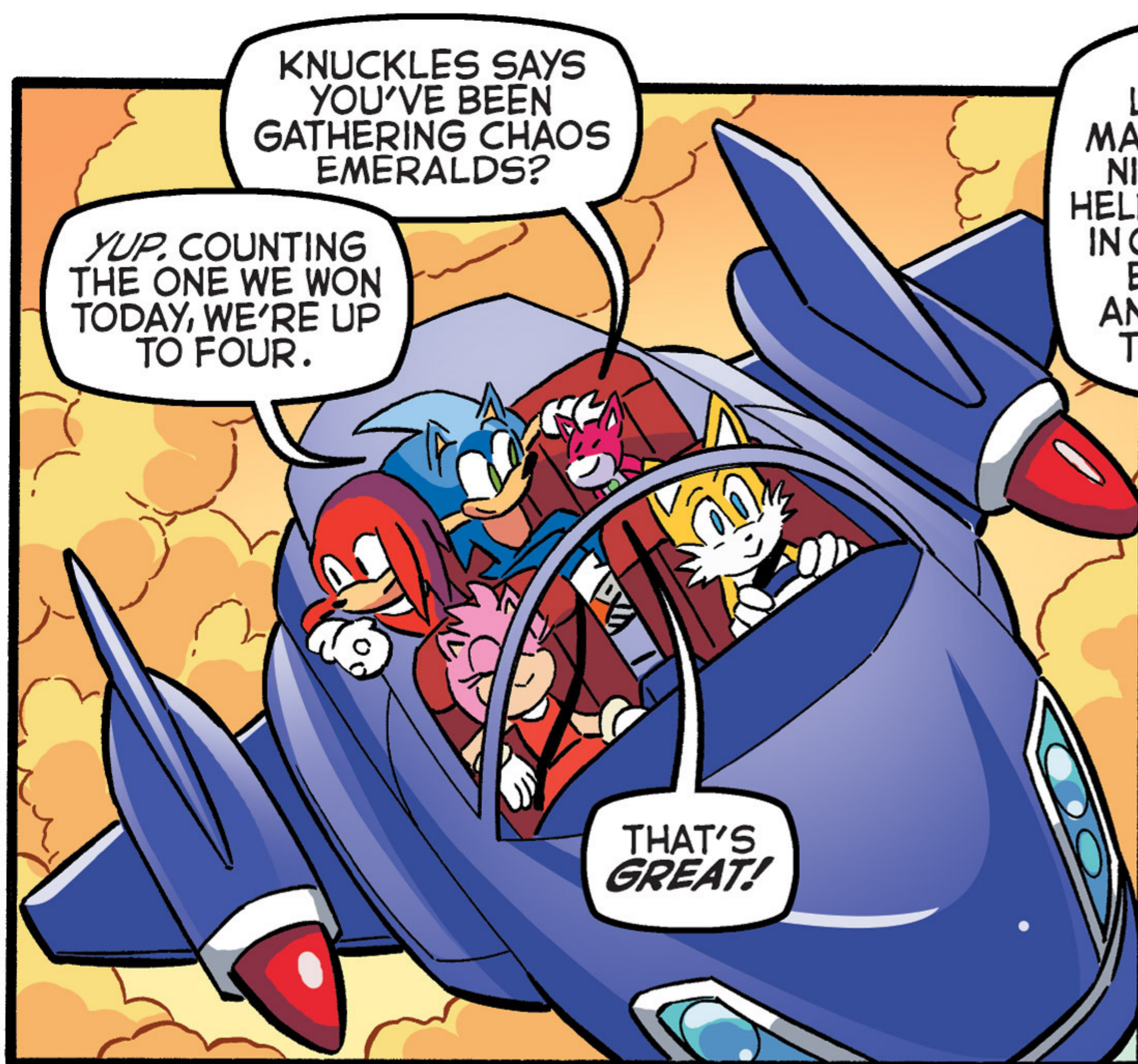


HAHA! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME-- I'VE GOT ORDERS TO FILL!

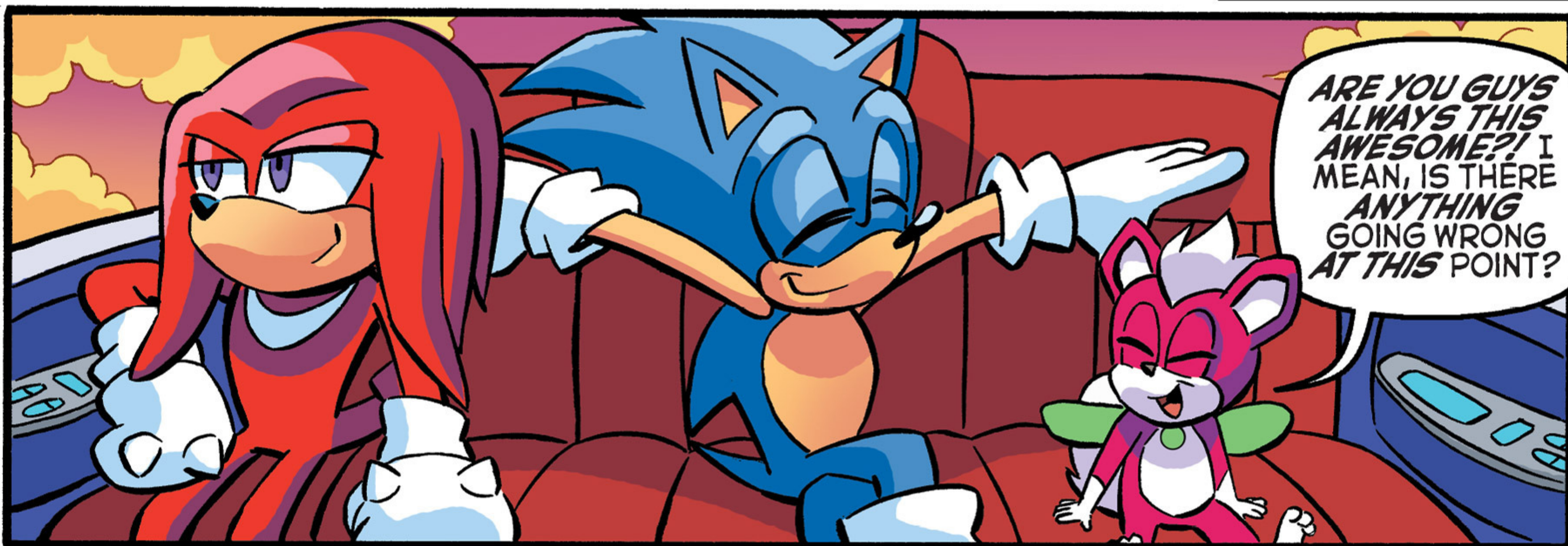
TA-TA! I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!







AND I'VE LEARNED A MAGICAL TECHNIQUE THAT'S HELPING US HOME IN ON THE LAST EMERALDS AND THE GAIA TEMPLES.*



MEANWHILE...

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT SONIC ISN'T BACK YET. I'M... GUESSING YOU DON'T WATCH MUCH TV.

I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, THOUGH. WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU WITH?

MY NAME IS GREGARIOS, AND I **MUST** SPEAK WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I HAVE VITAL INFORMATION --**SECRET** INFORMATION-- THAT IS THE KEY TO ENDING THIS NIGHTMARE.

THE MONSTERS, THE SHATTERED WORLD--I KNOW HOW HE CAN FIX **EVERYTHING!**

WHAT IS THE **SECRET** THE OLD SAGE HOLDS? FIND OUT **NEXT TIME!**

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A Letter from the EDITOR

Attention: Sonic fans! Hear ye, hear ye!

It's my privilege to officially introduce to you your new **Sonic the Hedgehog** comics Editor -- Vincent Lovallo!

Vin has been working on these books for years now as Assistant Editor to yours truly, and his brilliant work has helped to transform the comics you hold in your hands month after month into the pristine works of art that they are today. And believe me, the awesomeness you've got coming up in the next few months courtesy of Mr. Lovallo is going to blow you away! I couldn't be happier or more proud to have worked with Vin, and he's about to become the best Archie Action editor ever!

Thanks to everyone who made my time as Editor a great one — especially to Mike Pellerito, who set a shining example of how to do this job and do it well. Also a big thanks to Victor Gorelick who hired me all those years ago, Jon Goldwater who makes publishing these wonderful titles possible, everyone at Archie who has pitched in to help over the years, to SEGA, especially Rene and George, for all their support, and to the incredible talent I got to work with on these titles! Chatting with Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Patrick Spaziante, Matt Herms, Jack Morelli, John Workman, Jim Amash, Terry Austin, Rick Bryant, Ryan Jampole and so many others is always the highlight of my day! And last but not least, thanks to you the reader and all the fans who have written to us, said hello at shows, and supported these titles through five crazy years of expansion, change and epic new heights. You pals 'n' gals are the best.

Long story short, get ready for big action, tons of laughs and LOTS of adventure as Vin takes the reigns.

To quote Mike, "the best is yet to come!"

Paul

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